

HOLLAND ROBERTS

Holland Roberts, President of the American-Russian Institute of San Francisco; Director of the California Labor School, member of the World Peace Council, said, among other things, at the Bureau meeting of the World Peace Council in Moscow February 1959:

" . . . Returning to the Soviet Union after eight years absence, I am deeply impressed by the will of the Soviet people for peace. It is apparent everywhere. . . . I feel now as I did at the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw in 1950, and during the following visit of our American delegation to Moscow, Leningrad and Stalingrad that the whole Soviet people know that the road to peace is the highway to a prosperous and happy life and are traveling down it. No one who has experienced as I have the thoughtful care and overflowing hospitality extended to all the delegates to this meeting of 80 nations from all continents can doubt that the Soviet people have a deep abiding passion for peace and that they are moving to build it with every power at their command. . . . We are happy to see the remarkable progress of the Soviet people in moving to the forefront of human progress. Each day that the Soviet satellites revolve and the great Seven Year Plan moves to fulfillment, we know that in the growth of abundance and the advance of scientific achievement we are seeing the consolidation of peace for the whole world. . . ."

At the Stockholm May 1959 meeting of the WPC, he said:

" . . . We are happy to tell you that we are the largest delegation here since the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw in 1950. We who are here have never stopped fighting for peace throughout the Cold War although most of us were prevented from attending the sessions of the peace movement. . . the greatest world movement of all time. . . for years we have watched the war forces driven back again and again by the people. Foremost among these people who have taken this position, of course, are the resolute and courageous people of the USSR who met with sacrifices the great struggle against Hitler and fascism. We in the U. S. delegation are happy to be associated with the USSR and the great peoples of China, India, Africa and the many nations represented here. The people of America are awakening and beginning to move forward. The American people are raising their voices in a clear demand for an end to the threat of atomic war. . . to banish the specter of the deadly mushroom cloud that hangs over their cities and steadily by day and by night drops down the deadly poisonous strontium 90 upon the cradles of their sleeping children. . . . Only professional militarists and hate-mongers shout "red!" and rattle sabers and no one among the people supports them. . . . Even these atomic maniacs

are forced to couch their propaganda in terms of self-defense. New and stronger forces are now arising to speak out for peace and to warn the common man that he must take his stand against the atomic danger that threatens. . . the lives of all mankind . . . the courageous active work of a very small peace group that have been in the forefront of the fight for years is now bearing fruit. . . . You heard our great American, Dr. DuBois. . . this great scholar. . . was arrested for peace activities, imprisoned. . . brought into Washington, D. C. in chains, this mild, beautiful man, manacled like a common felon. . . it was his faith and the faith of those of us who stood with him and the people of the world who rallied to his support that made it possible for us to emerge and take our position again before the people of the world. . . ."

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